

13 May 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Public Information Meeting Regarding RI/FS for Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, Lewiston/Porter, New York, 26 April 1988

1. The subject public information meeting was held on 26 April 1988 at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Department Building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Lee Fuerst, ED-TD, George Hanley, PA, and Mike Wolfender, PD-A, represented the Corps of Engineers (CE) at the meeting. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the RI/FS planned by the CE and to explain the proposed work plan for the initial site investigations. We also solicited information from area residents regarding their knowledge of past Department of Defense (DOD) activities at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works.

2. Mr. Fuerst began the meeting by conducting a slide presentation which:

- a. Explained the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP),
- b. Described the procedures the CE follows in completing an RI/FS,
- c. Explained the proposed work plan for initial field investigations, and
- d. Solicited historic information from individuals having knowledge of past DOD activities at the site. It was emphasized that the work plan for initial field investigations was developed based on the results of the Confirmation Study completed by Huntsville Division in 1985, as well as the best available historical information regarding past activities at the site. Initial field investigations will be conducted on property owned by SCA Chemical Services, Inc. (SCA). The current scope of our investigations would be expanded as appropriate to study additional areas where contamination may exist. Expansion of the RI/FS would be based on information obtained from a background search of documents relating to past activities at the site, and information obtained from individuals having knowledge of past DOD activities at the site.

3. Subsequent to the slide presentation, comments and questions were received from those in attendance. Many of the individuals commenting were concerned that the RI/FS would not cover all potential areas of contamination within the boundaries of the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW). Mr. Fuerst reiterated that it is the intention of the CE to investigate all potential areas within the former LOOW where contamination may exist. A significant area of concern expressed by one commentor regarded the 1000 acre property known as Air Force Plant 38. This property is located directly north of the property owned by SCA, with the two properties being separated by Balmer Road. It is uncertain whether this property is currently owned by the Air Force or the General Services Administration (GSA). The CE will determine the ownership of this property. If the property is owned by the Air Force, we will coordinate our RI/FS with Air Force environmental studies at the site. If the property is owned by GSA or others, we will attempt to investigate the AF Plant 38 property as part of the CE RI/FS.

4. Several individuals attending the meeting indicated knowledge of past DOD activities at the former LOOW. As a result, the CE will conduct follow-up

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interviews with these individuals, as well as others who contact us, to determine additional areas that should be investigated during the RI/FS. We will also keep area residents informed of our ongoing activities through **press** releases and future public information meetings.

5. Overall, the meeting was very positive and productive. The residents in the area are very interested in the CE studies, and are sensitive to environmental matters because of the presence of numerous hazardous waste sites in the region.

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